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The law protects the Small as well as the Big.
Should the Small do harm to the Big, the Small would be punished with little effort from the Big. And it should be the same if it were the opposite.

This does not seem to be the case with Microsoft. They harmed Smaller companies with their practices. They need to be fined and that fine should aid the Small in their efforts to compete fairly with the Big. They (Microsoft) need to be monitored because they are on parole, they did break laws, they did inflict harm.

Just because the impact to the Small did not reach as far in some states as in others the law should be levied equally across all. Not state by state.

Open source for Operating System - Yes! (Fair competition)
No competition in Applications with unfair advantages - Yes! (No proprietary codes.)
Microsoft Monitored for 10 years - Yes (Appoint team 2-3 year terms.)
Fined \$20M a year for 10 years to support startups in application design. Managed by the same people who will monitor MS. (Admin expenses not to exceed 10%)
Microsoft to pay Legal bills for anti-trust case. (Payment over 10 years.)

This whole thing is just blown way out of scope. Think small but effective. Think fair so that no-one feels cheated or picked on. Think about a cure.

Good Luck,
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